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TEXTILE SCHEMES FOR WEAVERS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the economic condition of enterpreneur and small weavers are deteriorating;

(b) if so, whether any nationwide survey has been undertaken to assess the economic condition of entrepreneurs and poor weavers engaged in textile industry in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to improve their condition?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) to (c): No nationwide survey has been undertaken to assess the economic condition of entrepreneurs and weavers engaged in the textile industry in the country for the last few years. However a joint census of Handloom and Powerloom was conducted in the year 1995-96 according to which average monthly income of weavers household for the country as a whole was Rs.1458/- against Rs.715/- in the year 1987-88 during first Census of Handlooms.

(d) : The Government is implementing a number of schemes to improve the economic condition of entrepreneurs/weavers and for development of textile sector, such as:

i) Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme;

ii) Group Workshed Scheme for decentralised powerloom sector;

iii) Group Insurance Scheme for Powerloom weavers/workers in the decentralised sector;

iv) Textile Workers Rehabilitation Scheme;

v) Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojna;

vi) Integrated Handloom Training Project;

vii) Marketing Promotion Programme;

viii) Mill Gate Price Scheme;

ix) Workshed-cum-Housing Scheme;

x) Weaver's Welfare Scheme;

xi) Handloom Export Scheme;

xii) Integrated Handloom Cluster Development;

xiii) Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojna and Health Insurance Scheme for Handloom Weavers;

xiv) Handloom Mark.